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For:

THERAPEUTIC APTAMERS HAVING BINDING

SPECIFICITY TO GP41 OF HIV

## **Mail Stop Patent Application**

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## REQUEST FOR FILING A NEW NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

- 1. This is a request for filing a new nonprovisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). This application claims priority to provisional applications U.S.S.N. 60/415,390, filed October 2, 2002, U.S.S.N. 60/441,416, filed January 21, 2003; U.S.S.N. 60/461,966 filed April 10, 2003, and U.S.S.N. 60/465,148, filed April 23, 2003, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.
- 2. This application includes 57 total pages. This total includes 55 pages of specification (not including claims or abstract), 1 page of claims, and 1 page containing the Abstract. Drawings: Figs. 1 to 6B (6 pages), Informal.
- 3. Also enclosed is a Declaration and Power of Attorney (unsigned).
- 4. This application is being filed as a small entity.
- 5. Sequence Listing (65 pages);
  - 1. Statement in Support of CRF (1 page);
  - 2. One diskette;

## 6. Fees associated with this application have been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	7	-20 =	0	\$18.00	\$
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	5	-3 =	2	\$86.00	\$172.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))				\$290.00	\$
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- 7. Check Number 17309 in the amount of \$471.00 is enclosed.
- 8. Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee that may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 23239-540.

9. A return receipt postcard is enclosed.

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